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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, applicants elect claims 4-5, 11-13, 15 and 16 of Group II, without traverse. Please CANCEL the non-elected claims 1-3, 6-10 and 14, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Respectfully submitted,

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